



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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Examiner: Robinson, Binta M.

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Title: **INHIBITION OF RAF KINASE USING SUBSTITUTED  
HETEROCYCLIC UREAS**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the office action dated January 3, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

**R E M A R K S**

**Restriction Requirement**

The applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. The Examiner has provided no proof that an undue search burden exists to examine groups I and II simultaneously. Common structural features such as a urea functionality and the five membered cyclic structure on one side of the urea functional group may prescribe a common search field or strategy for the subject matter of Groups I and II, particularly if a structure search is performed on a computer. Without illustrating a distinct search strategy, the Examiner's division of the subject matter is clearly arbitrary. Further, claims 10 and 14 should be examined as part of the elected subject matter.